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Easy Phonics Words



moth

box



fox



socks

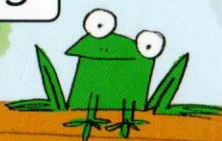
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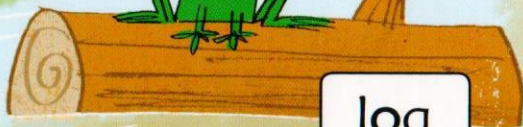


frog



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log



Notes for parents

About phonics

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read by breaking words down into combinations of sounds or **phonemes**. There are 44 phonemes in the English language. Some are represented by single letters, like the c - **a** - t sounds in the word **cat**. Others are represented by more than one letter, like the sh - **ar** sounds in the word **shark**.

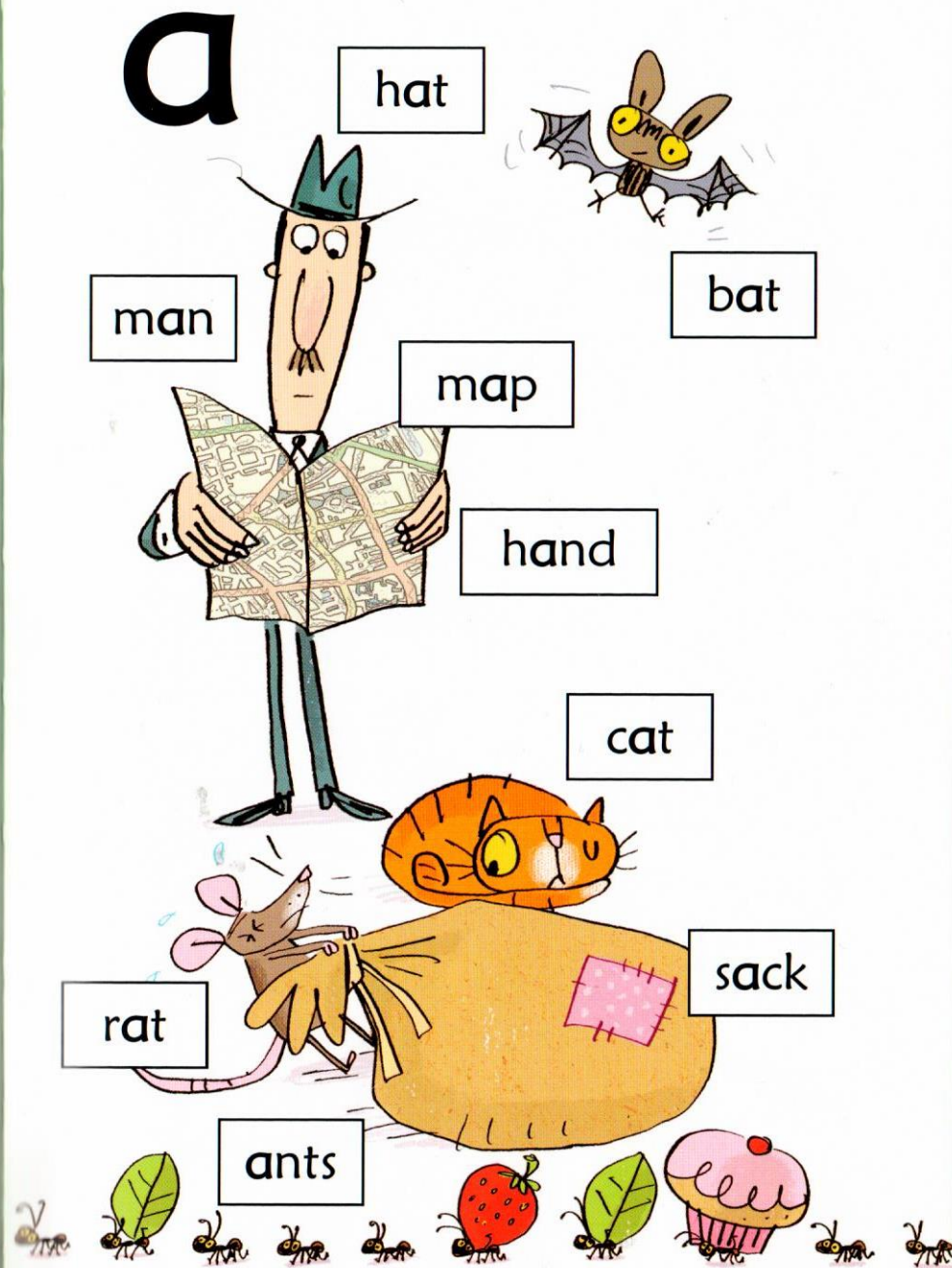
Listen to the phonemes

You can find a full list of phonemes, together with an online pronunciation guide, on the Very First Reading website, www.usborne.com/veryfirstreading* – go to the Resources area and scroll down to **Pronouncing the phonemes**.

Using this book

In this book you will find words containing 43 of the 44 phonemes in their most common spellings (the 44th, the “zh” sound in words such as **vision**, is usually taught at a later stage). This is a great way to learn and remember new words, and ideal for reading and spelling practice. Choose a page and look for the featured phoneme in all the words on the page. Can you think of any more words with that same phoneme?

*US readers go to www.veryfirstreading.com



ai

rain

train

sail

nail

chain

snail

paint

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stair

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barn

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farmer

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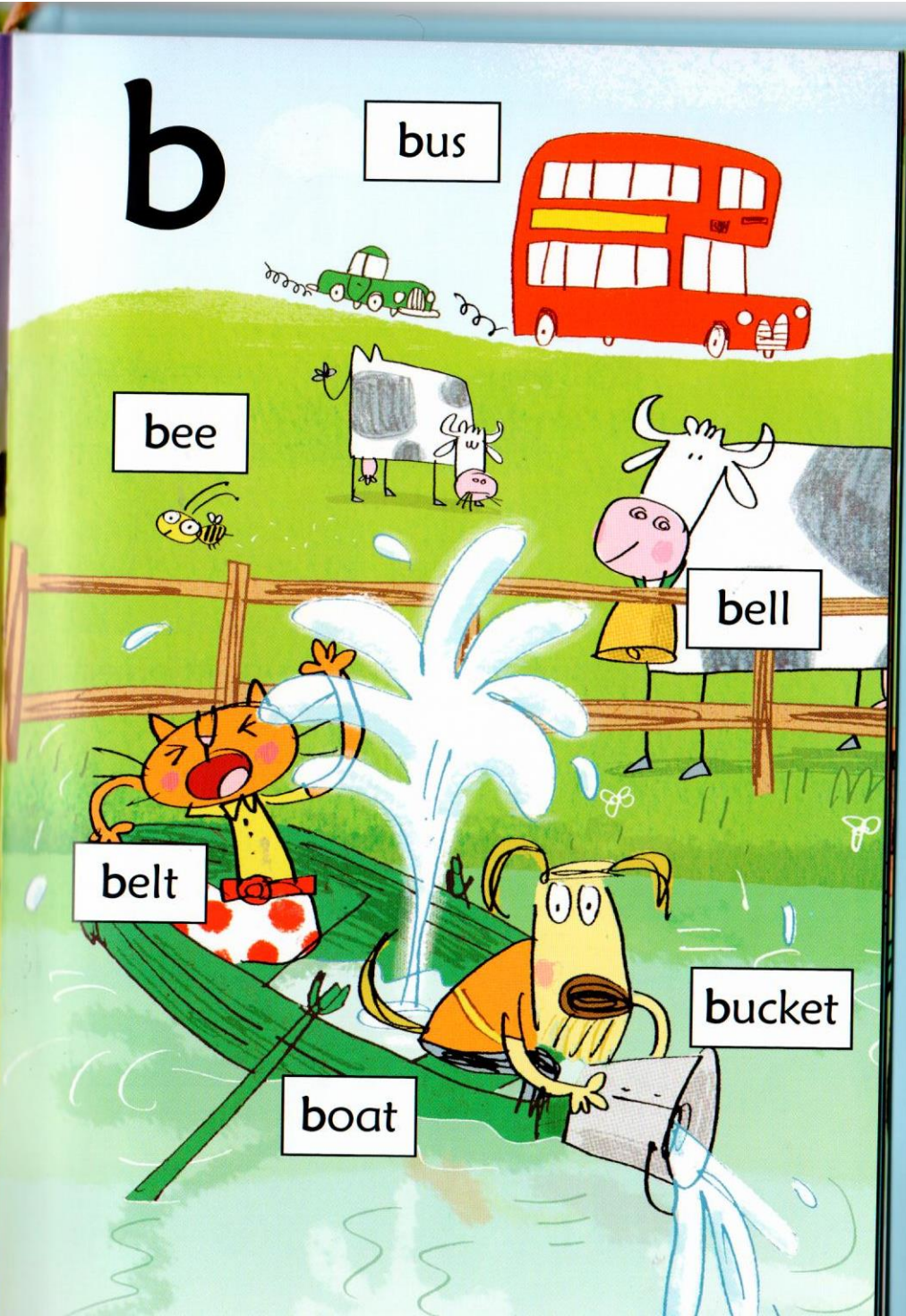
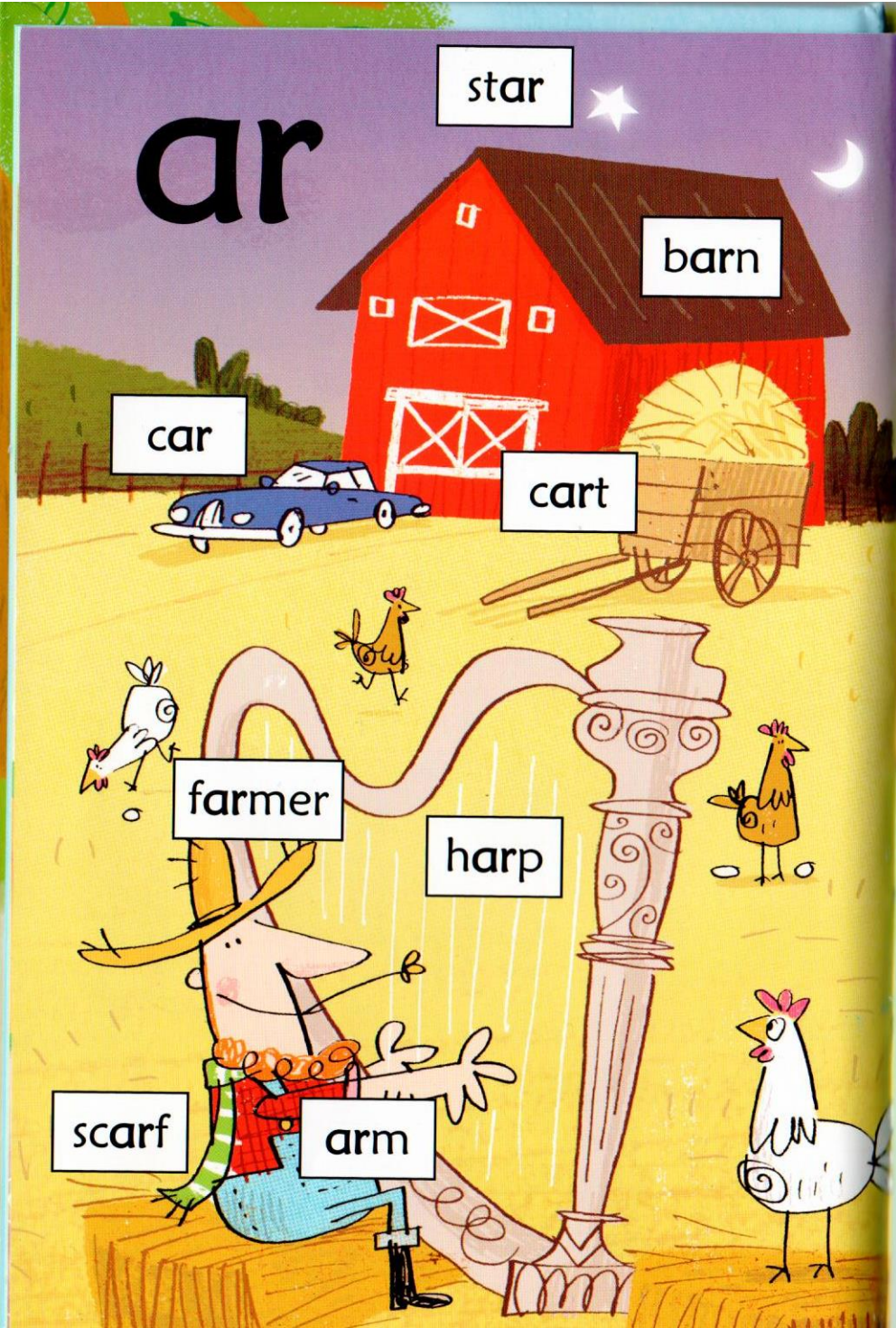
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boat

bucket



c ck k

cat

cup

pocket

coffee

bricks

duck

jacket

socks

rocket

clock

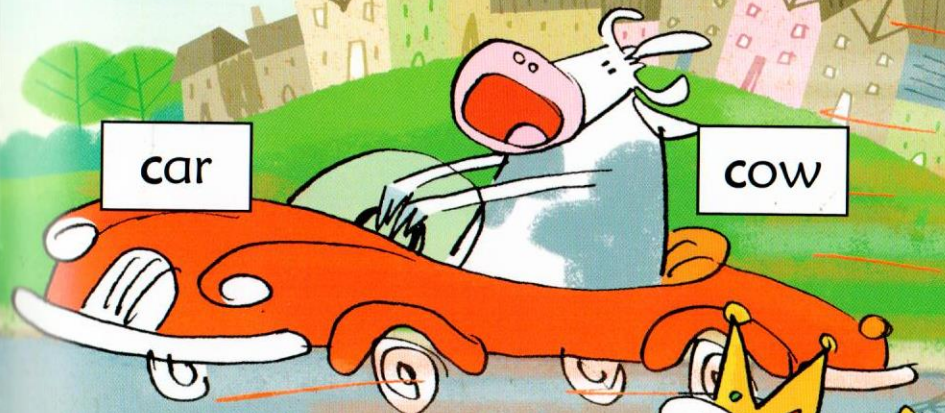
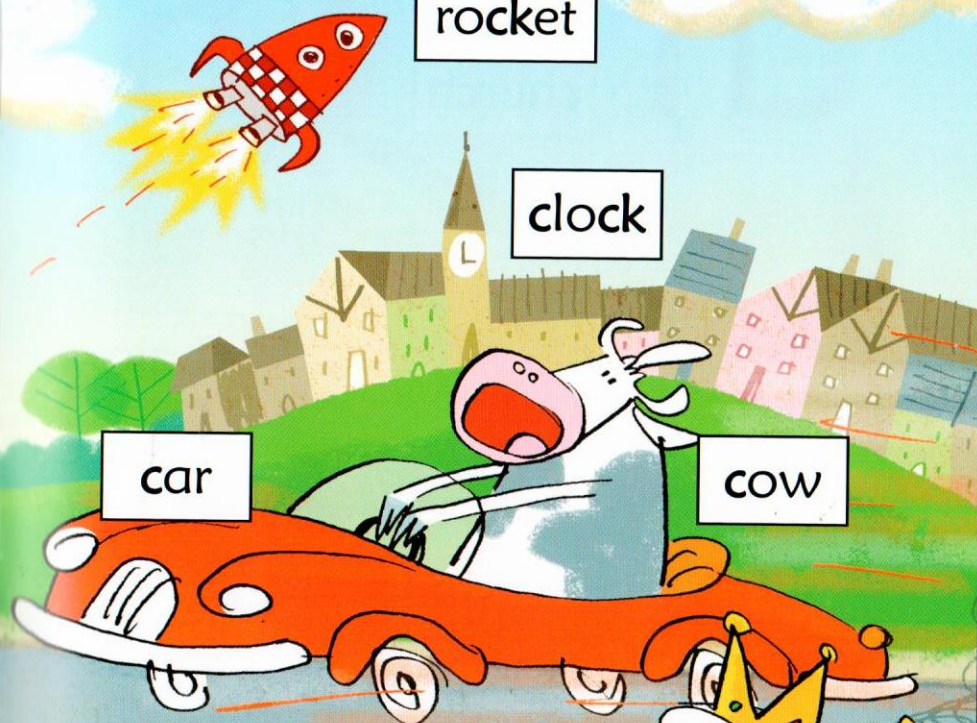
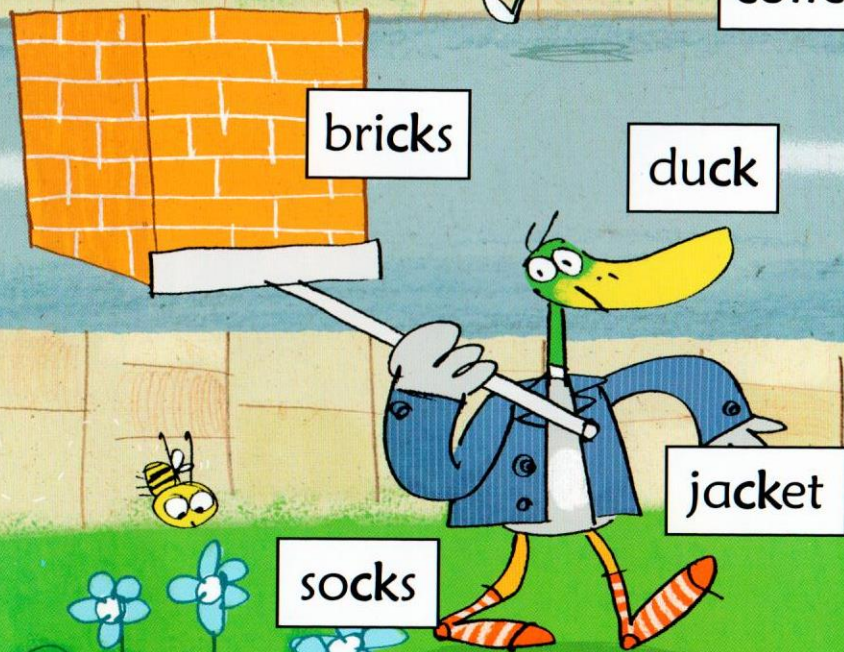
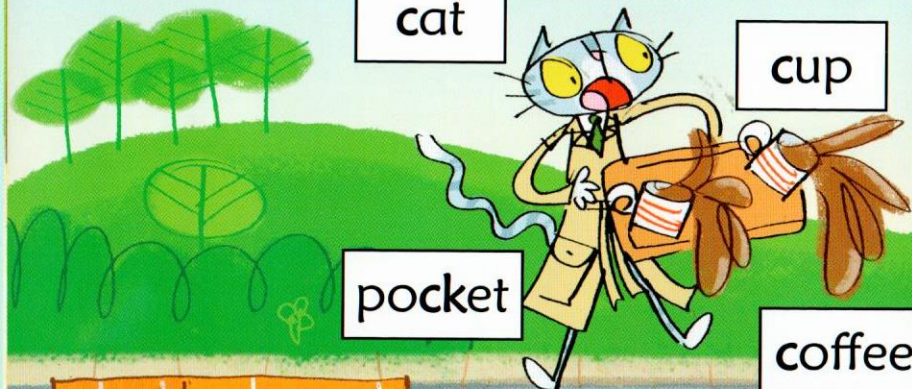
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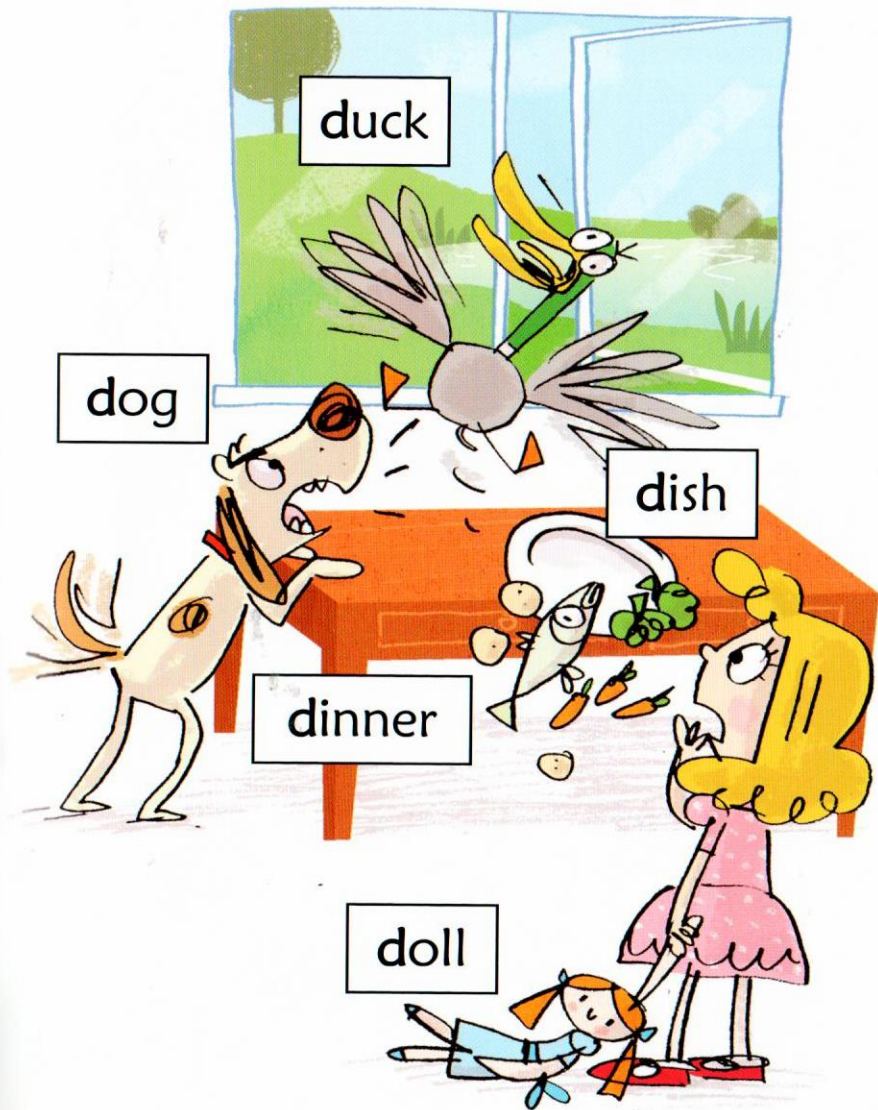
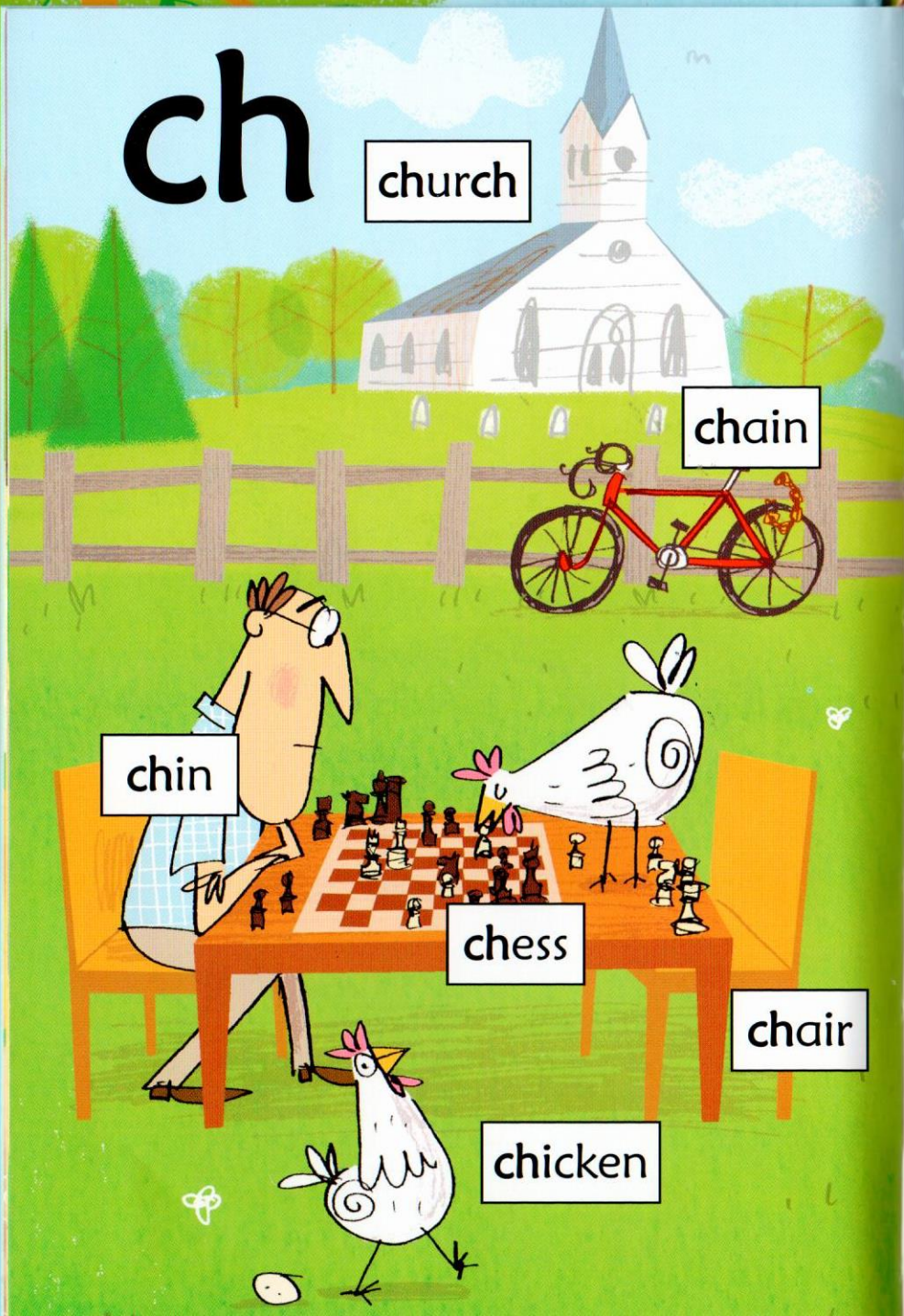
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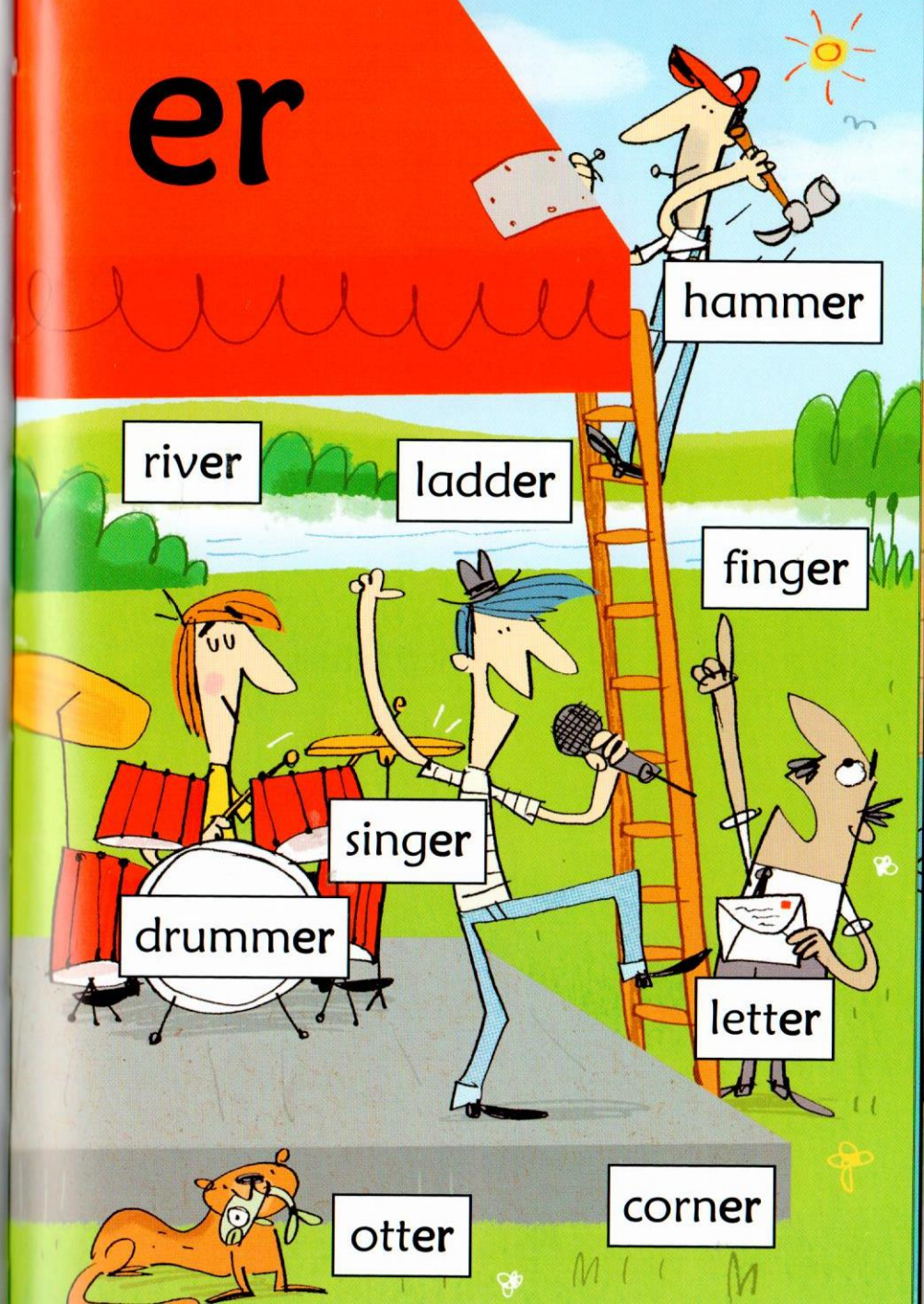
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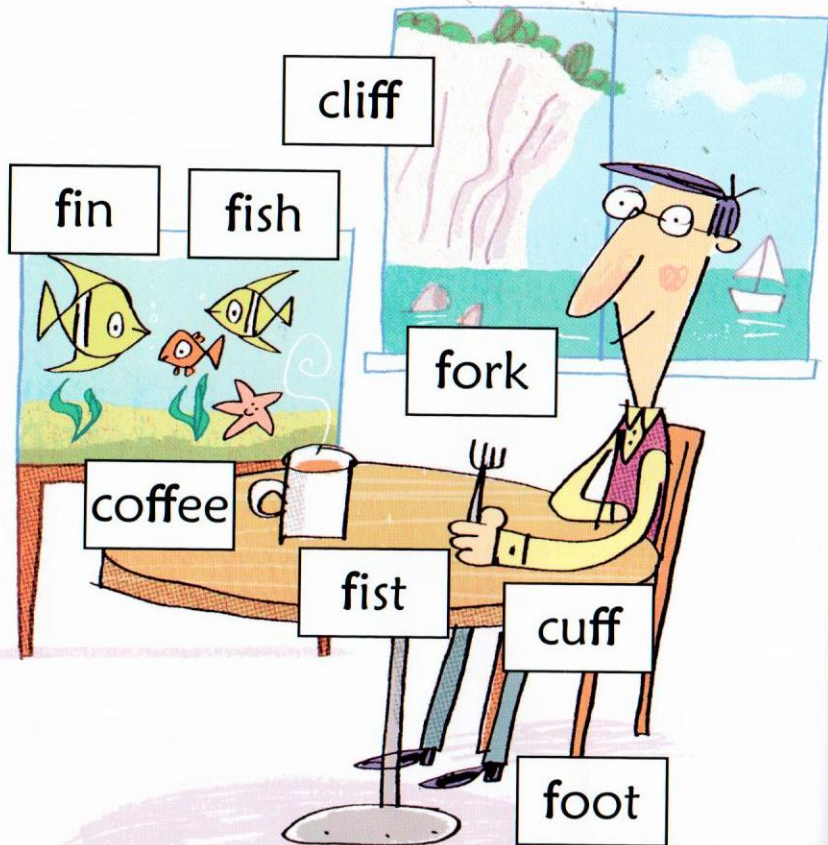
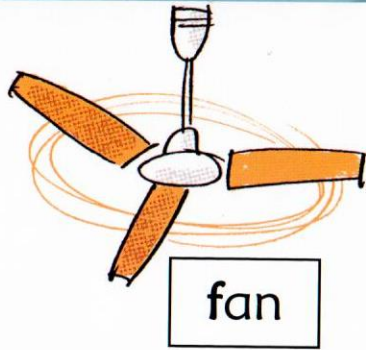
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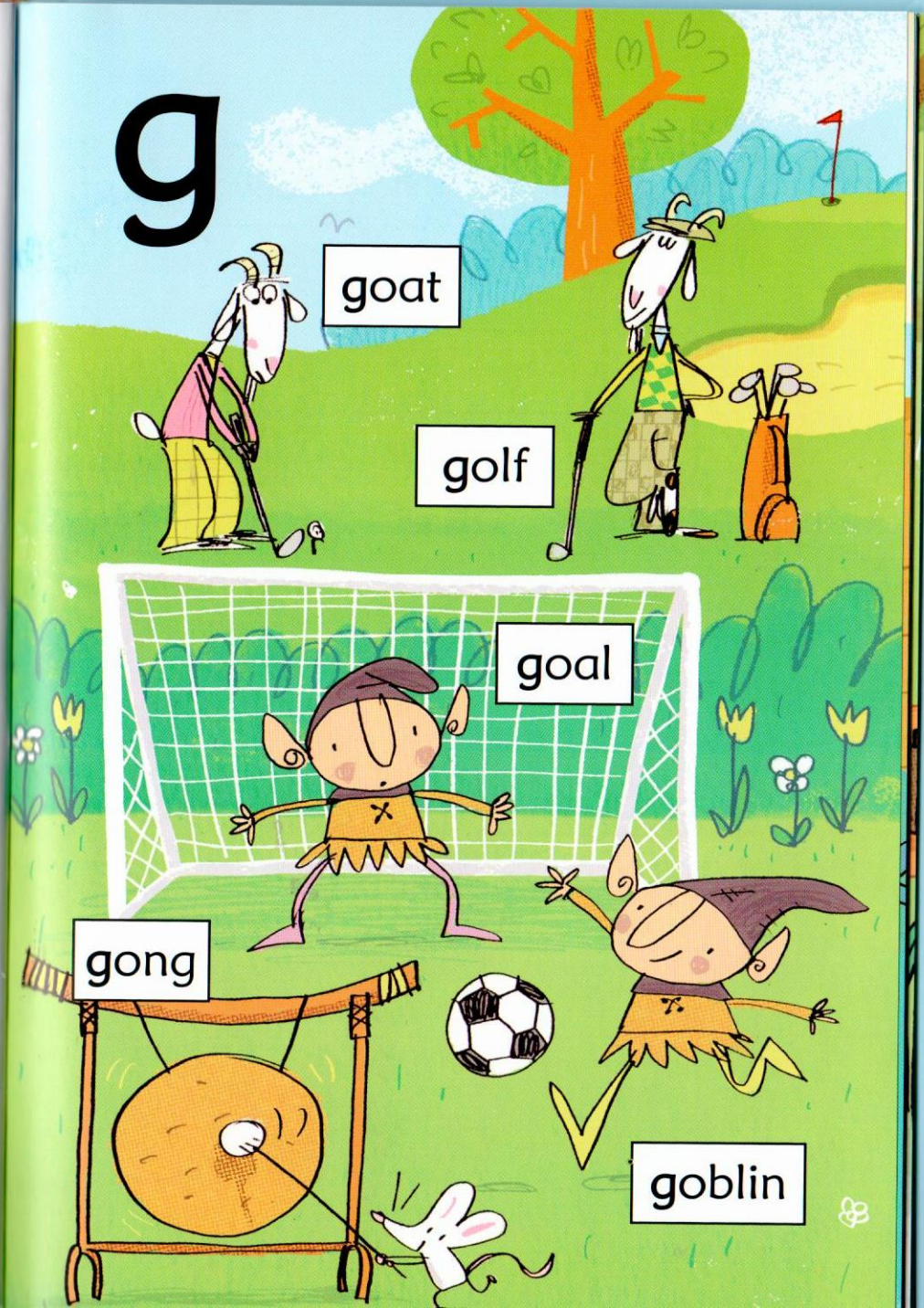
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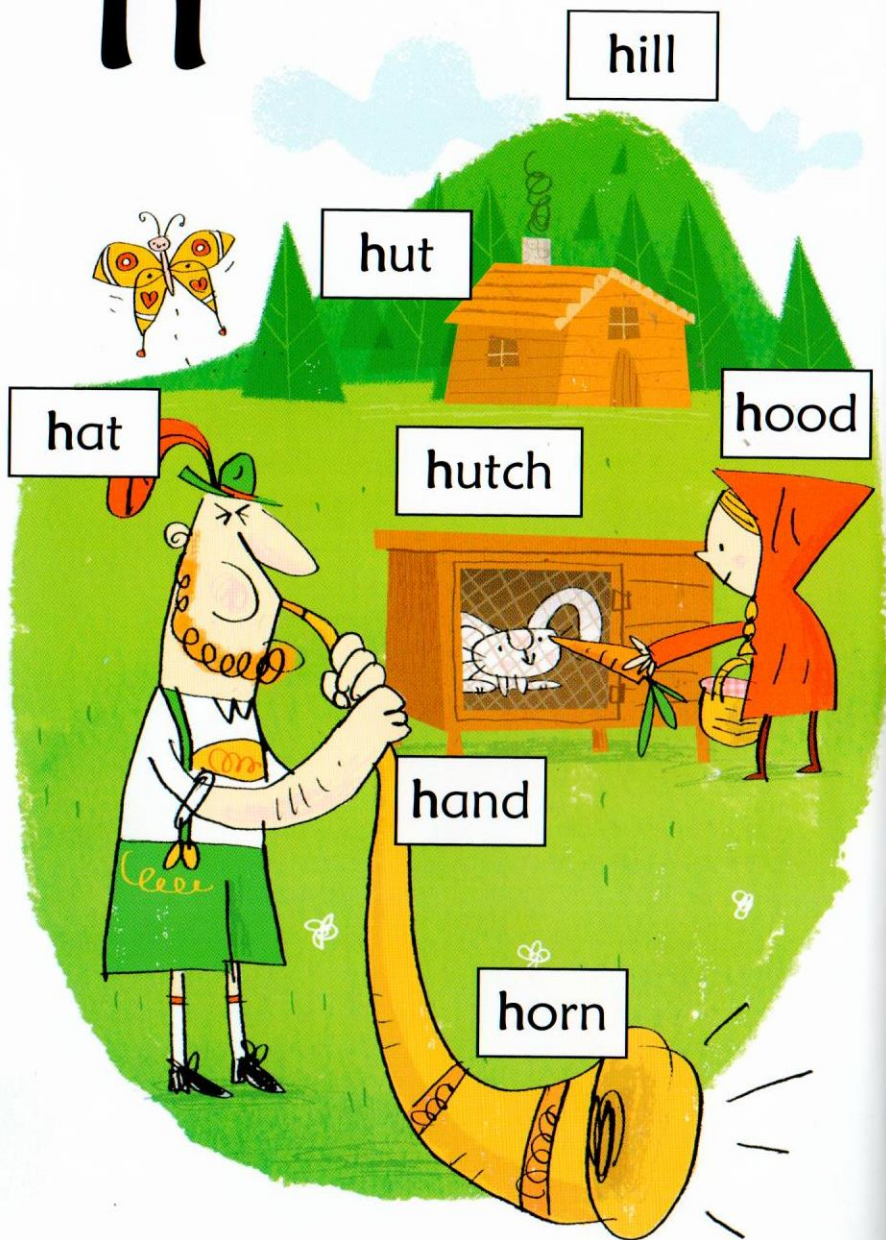
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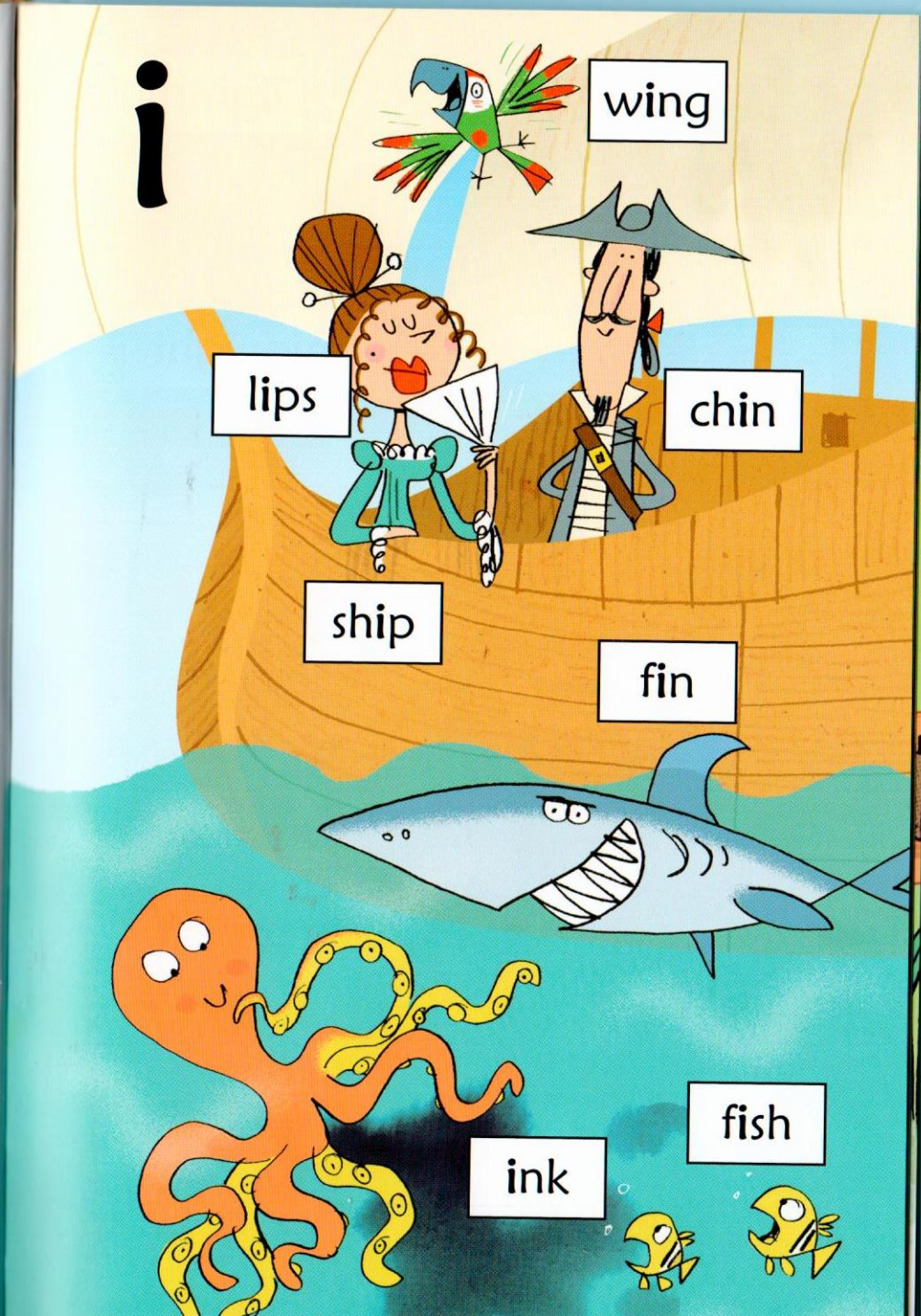
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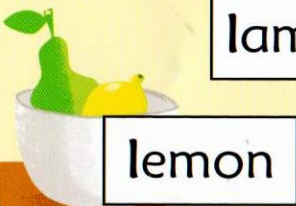
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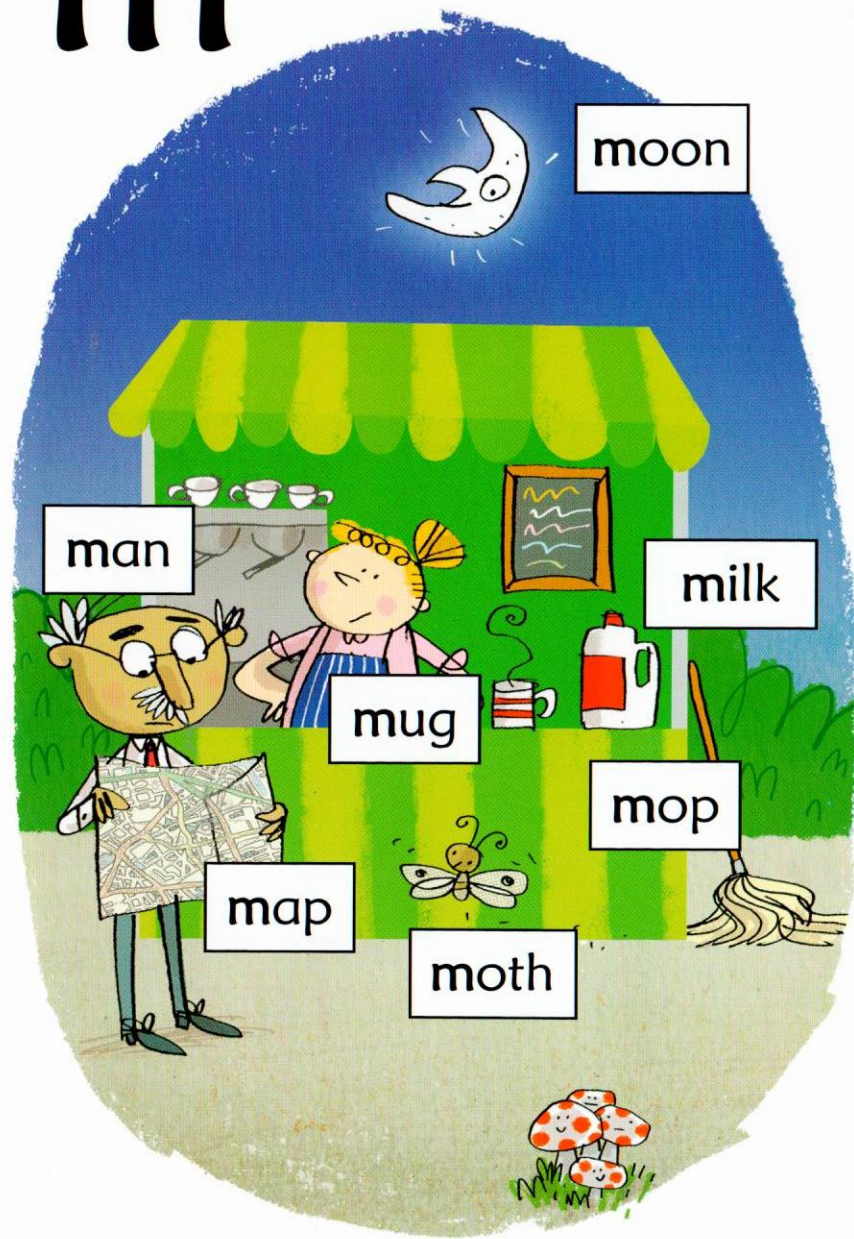
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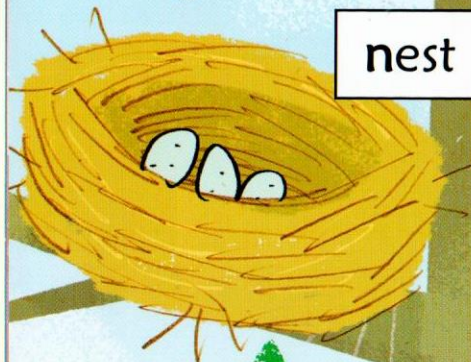


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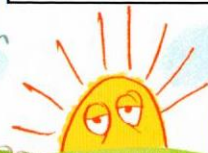


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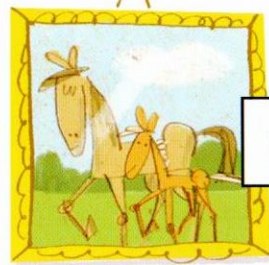
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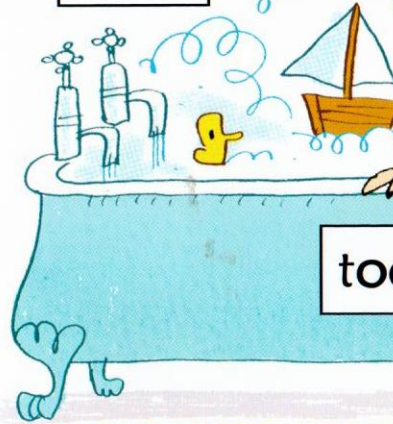


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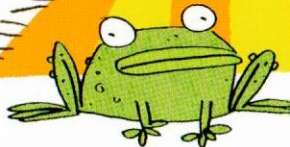
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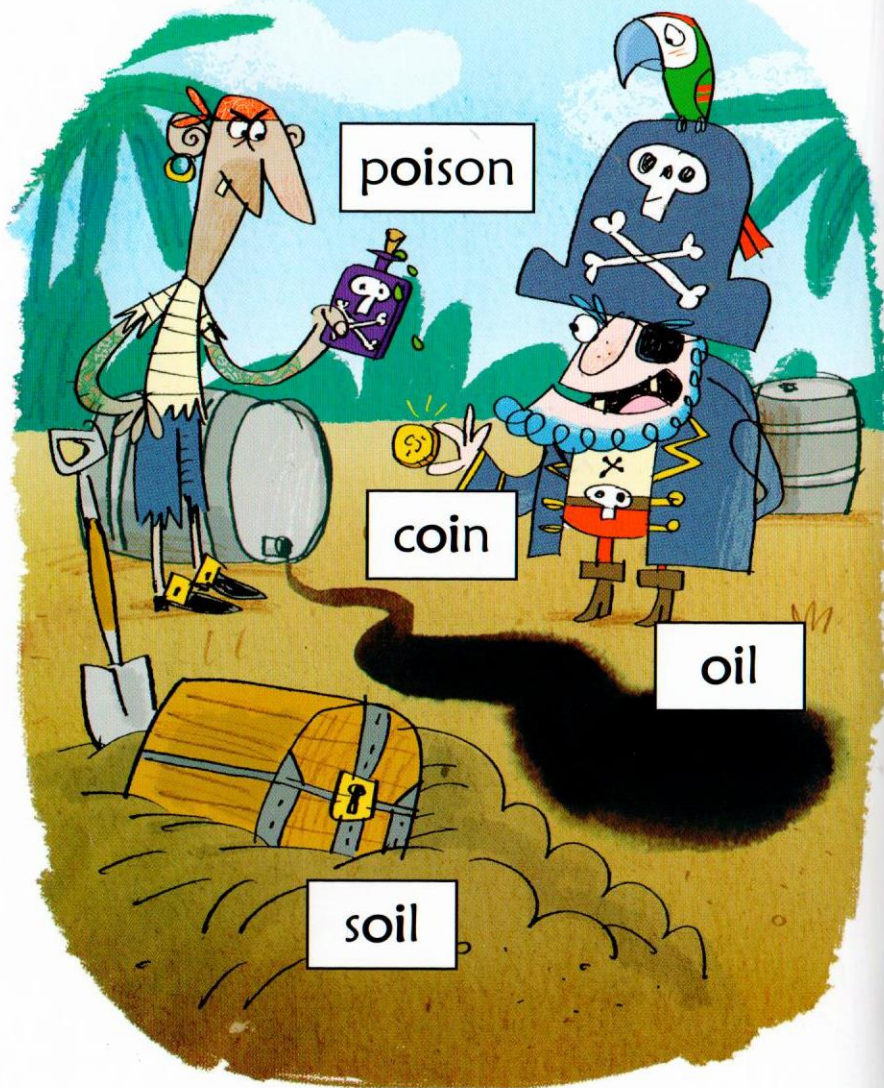
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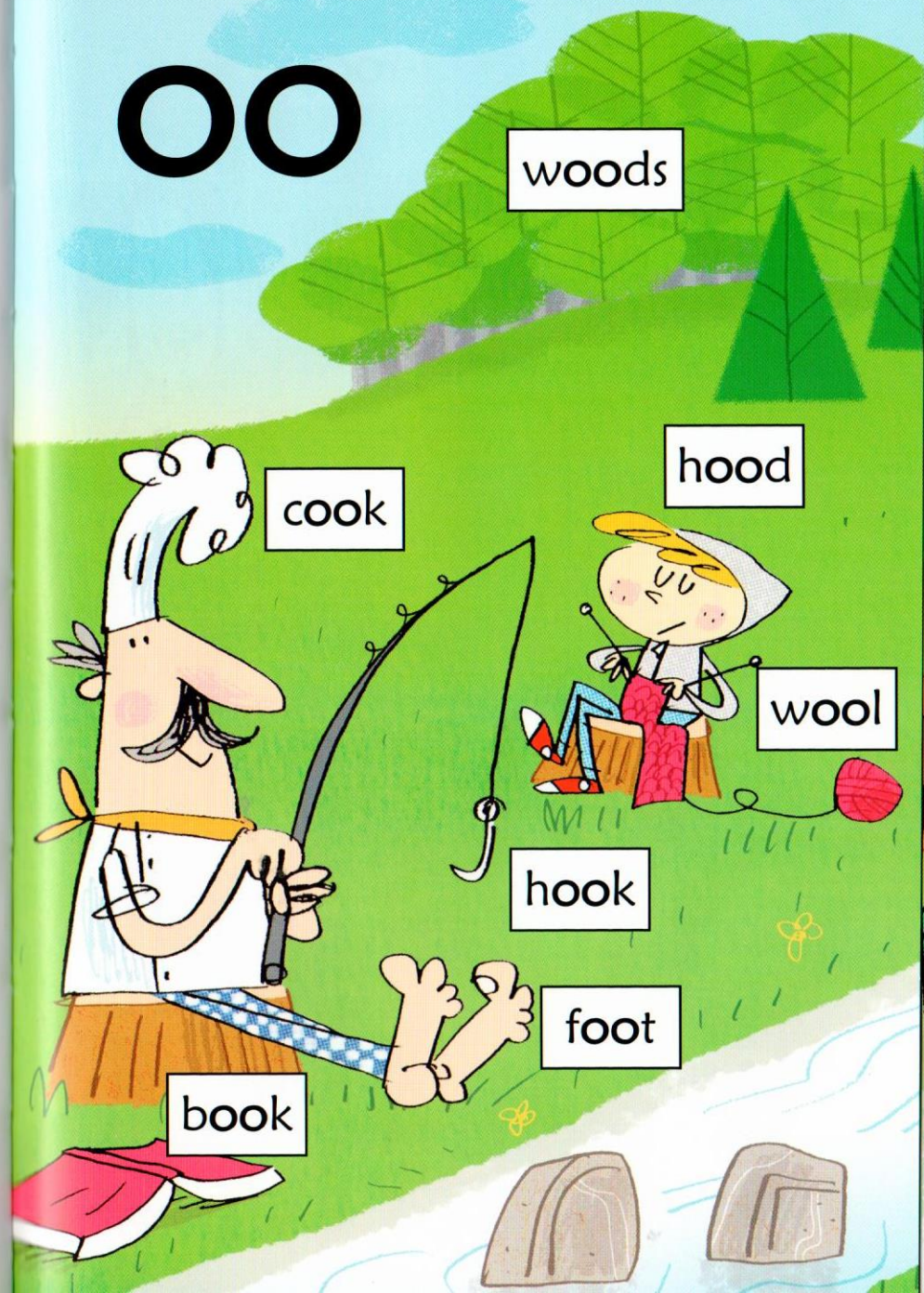
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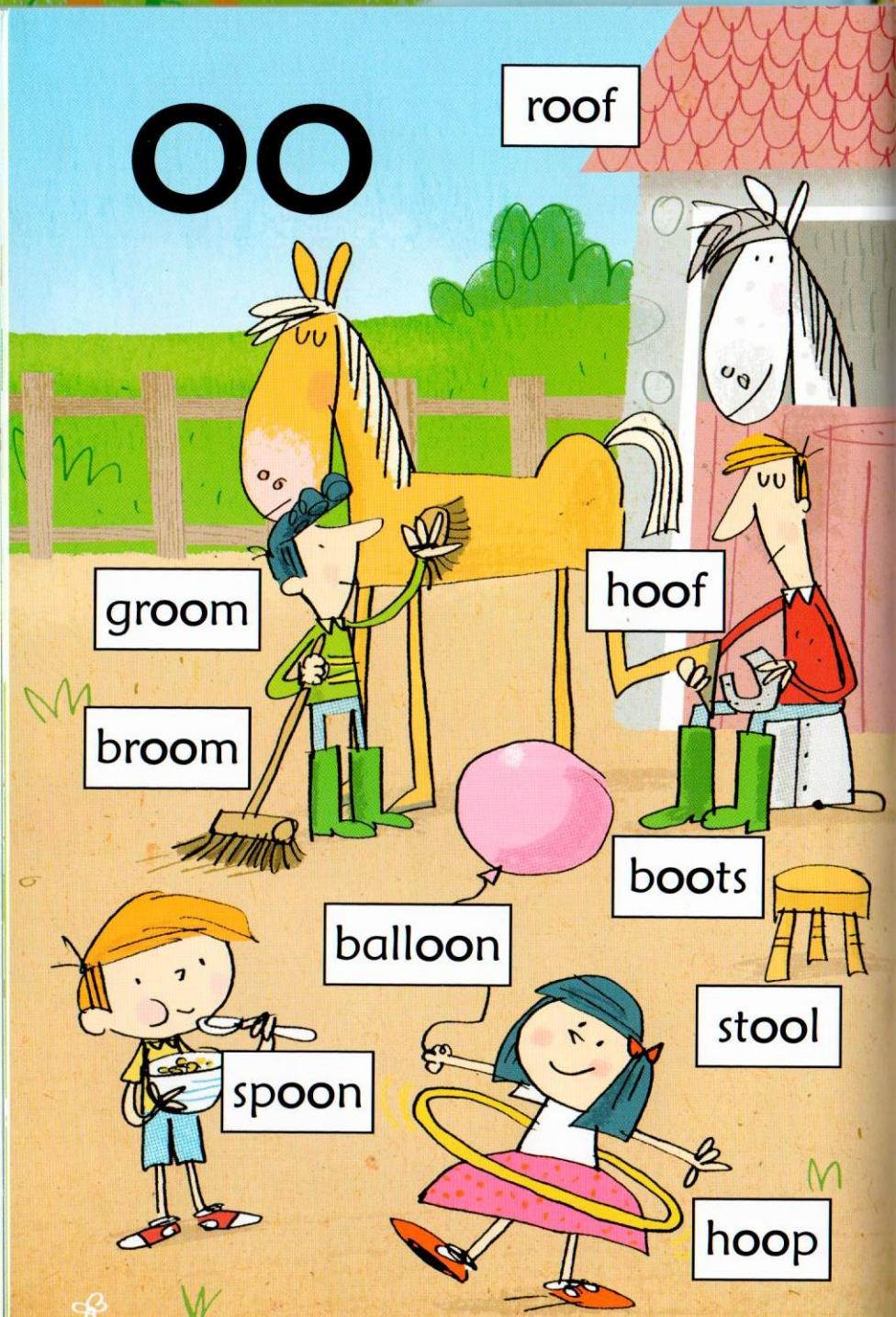


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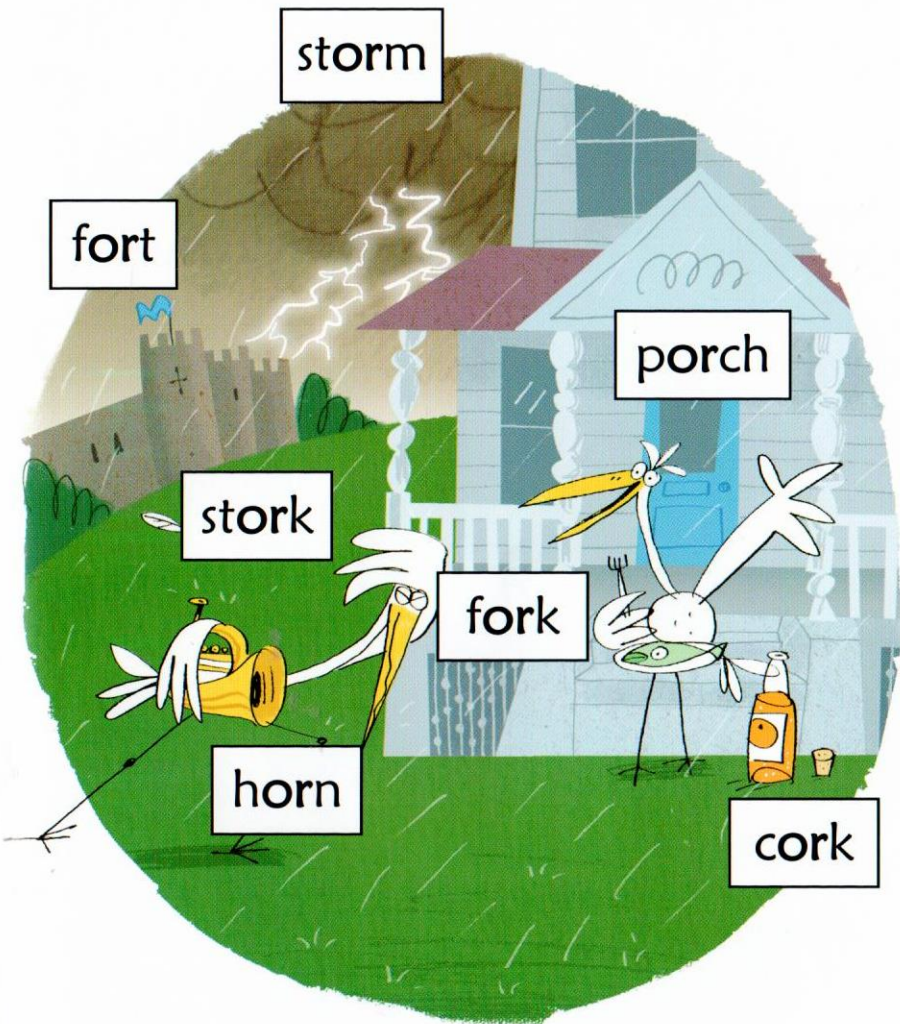
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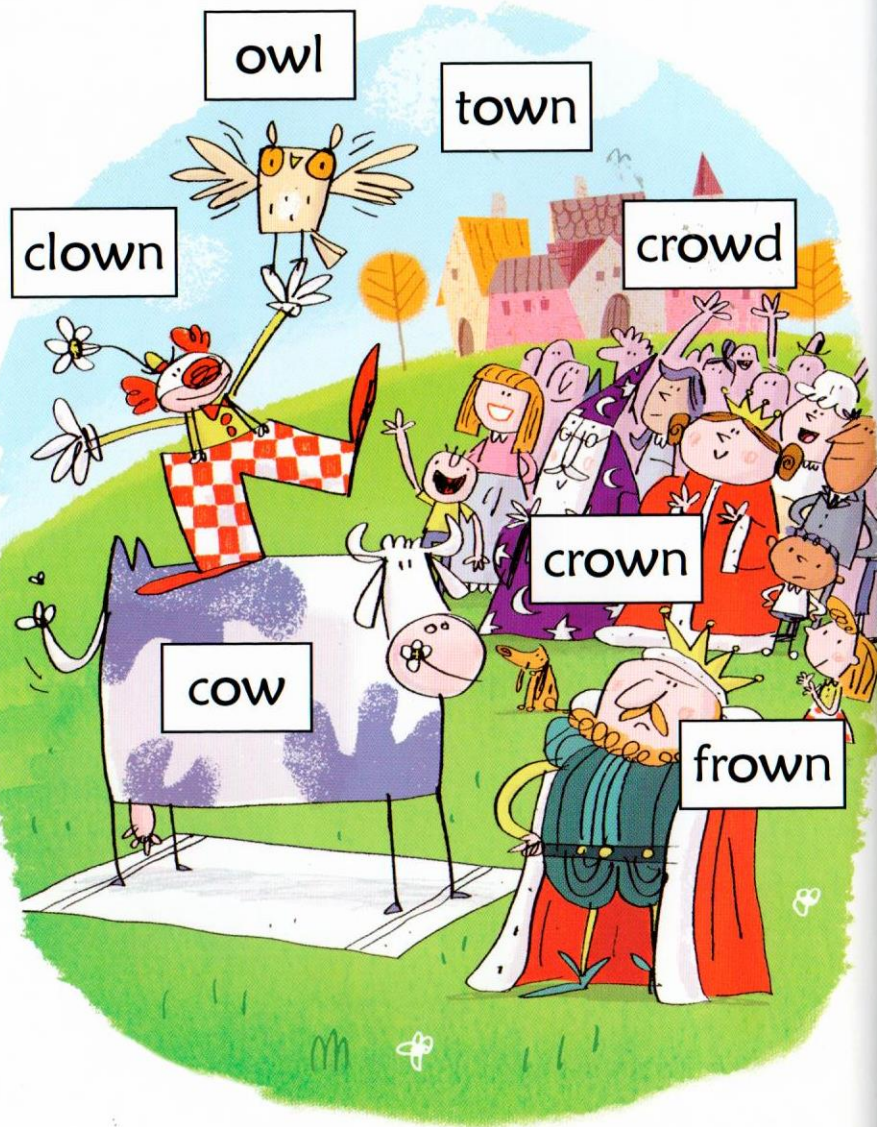
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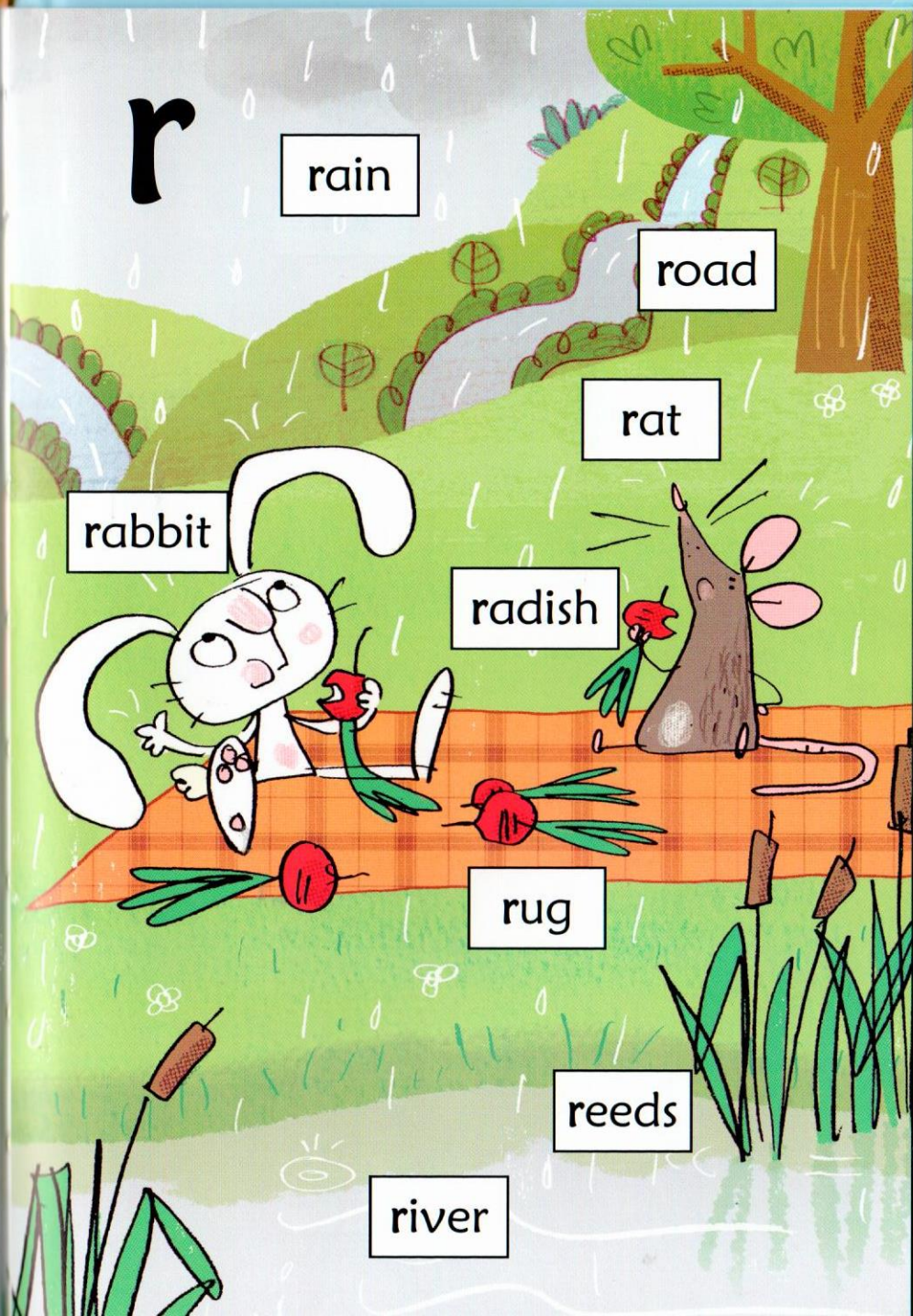
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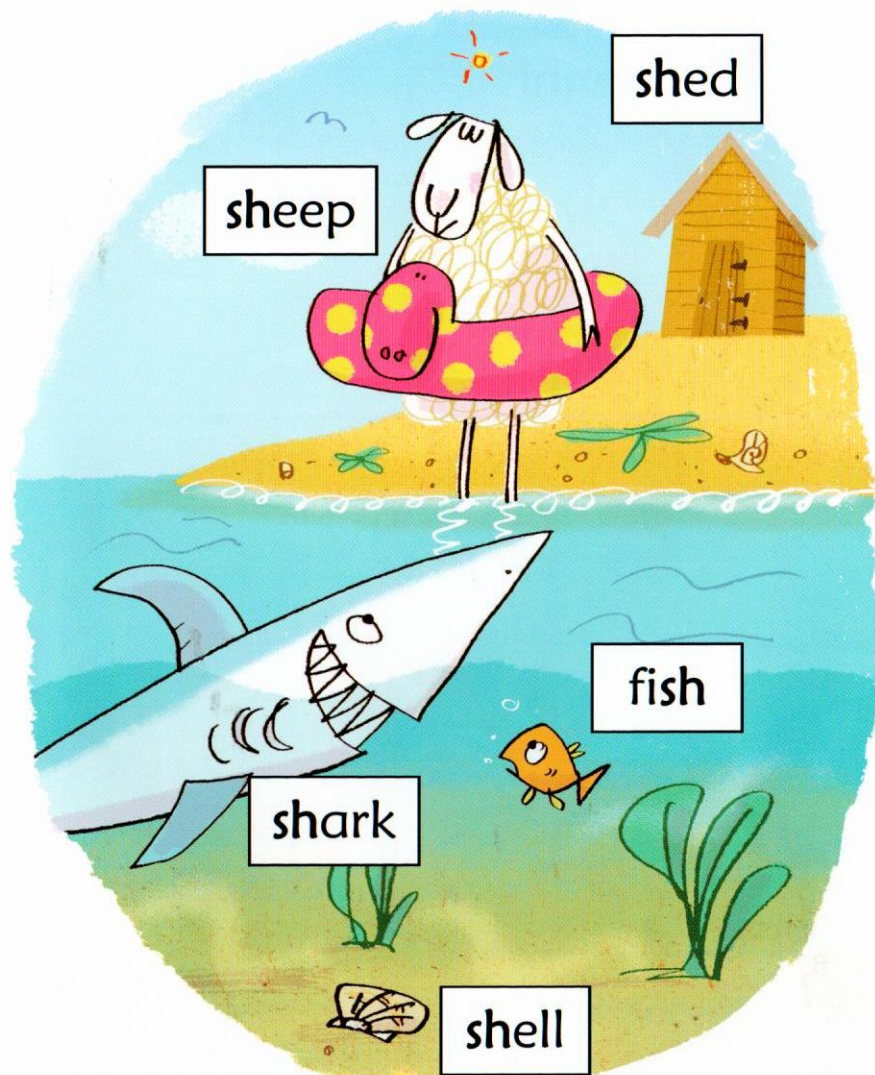
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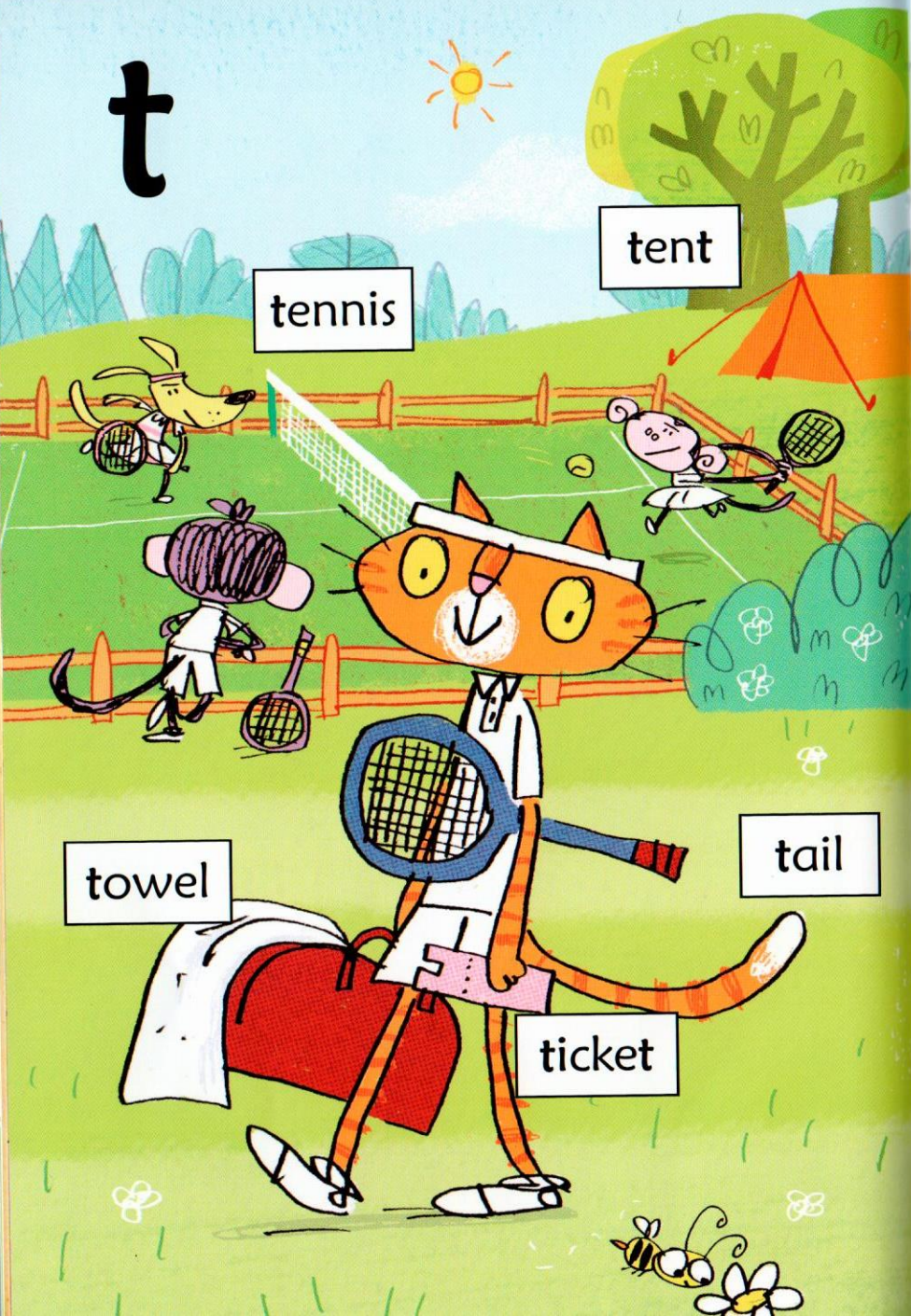
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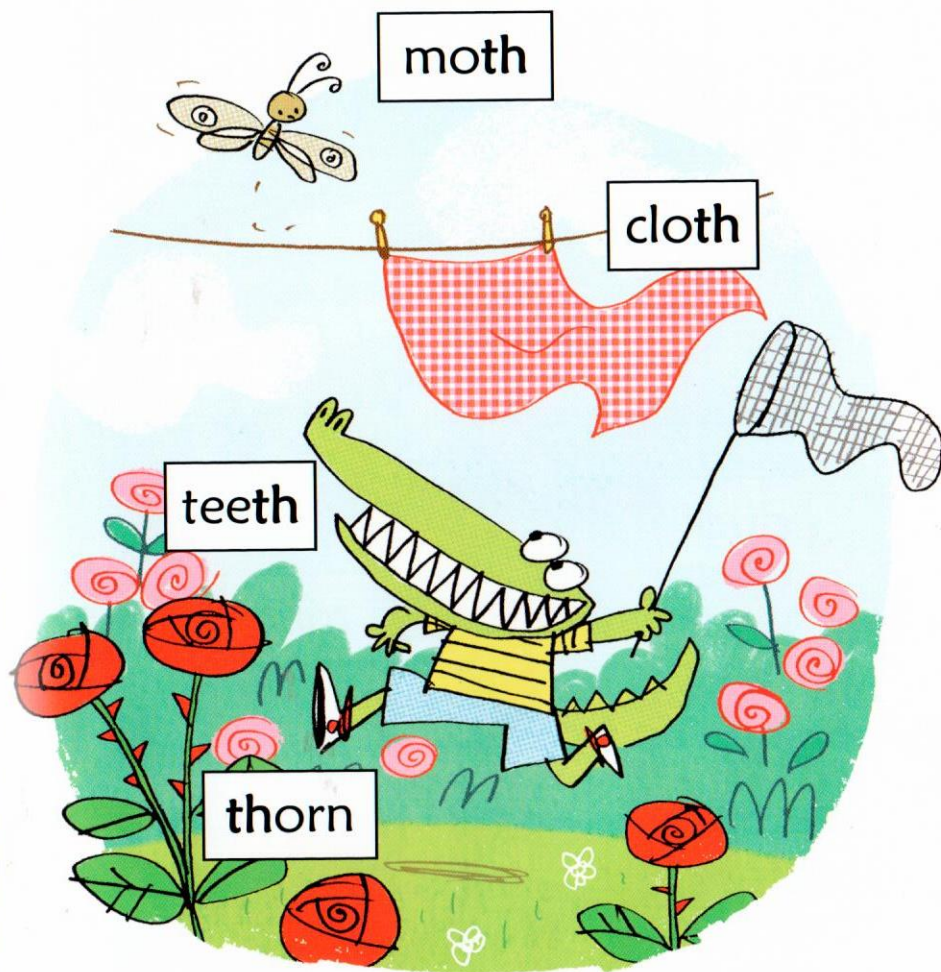
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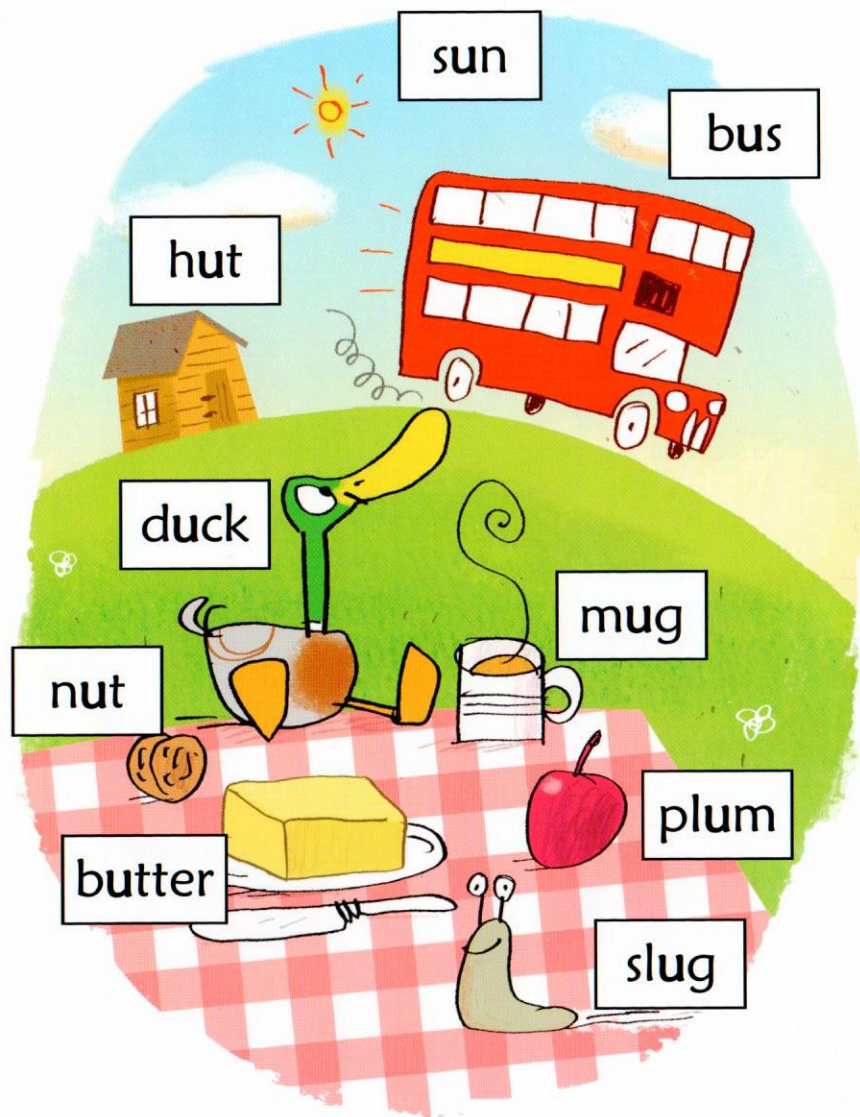
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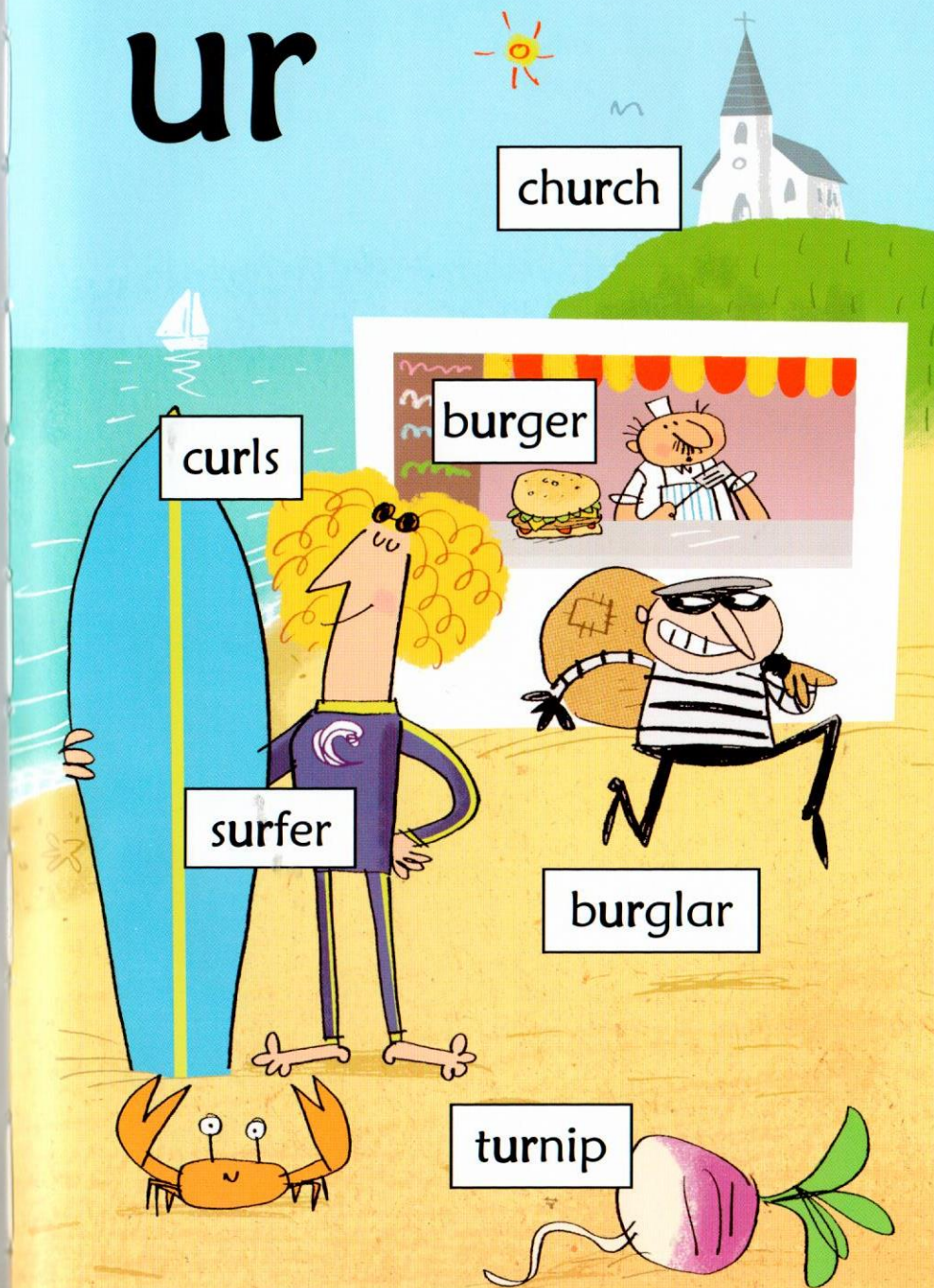
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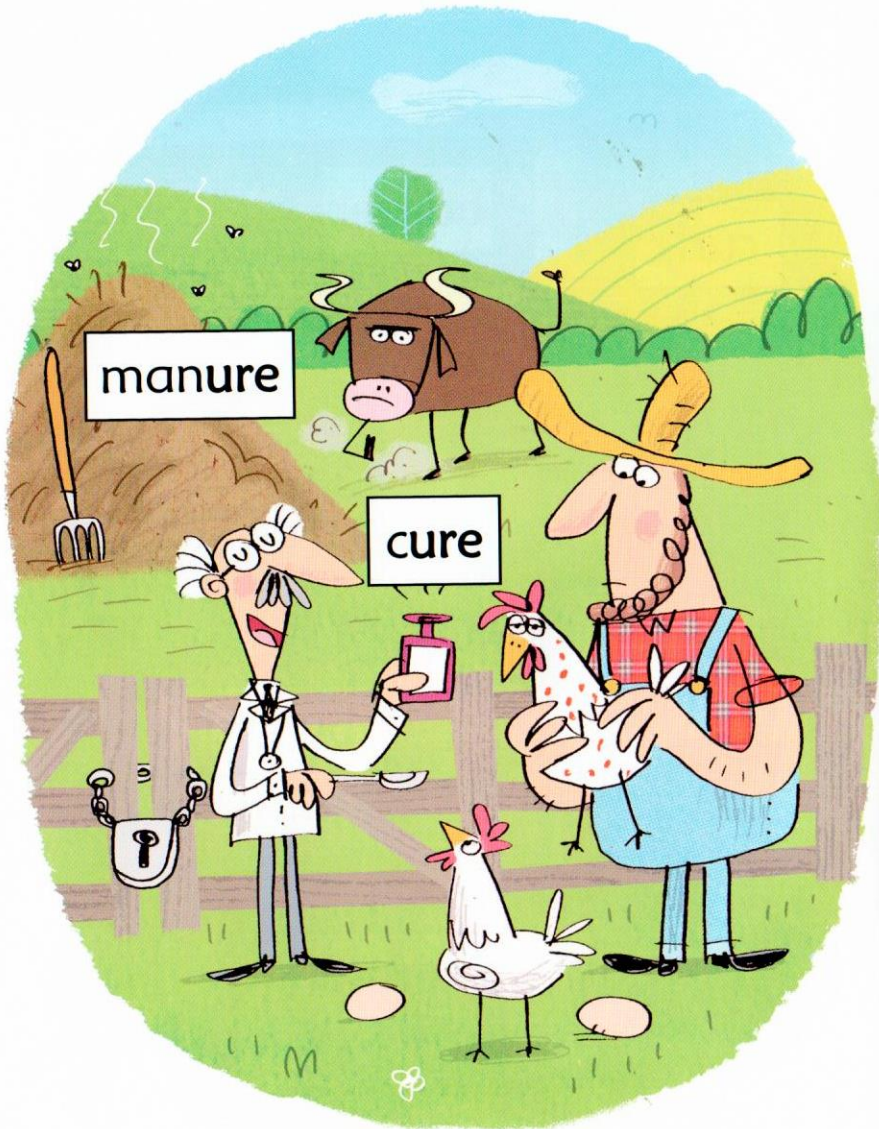
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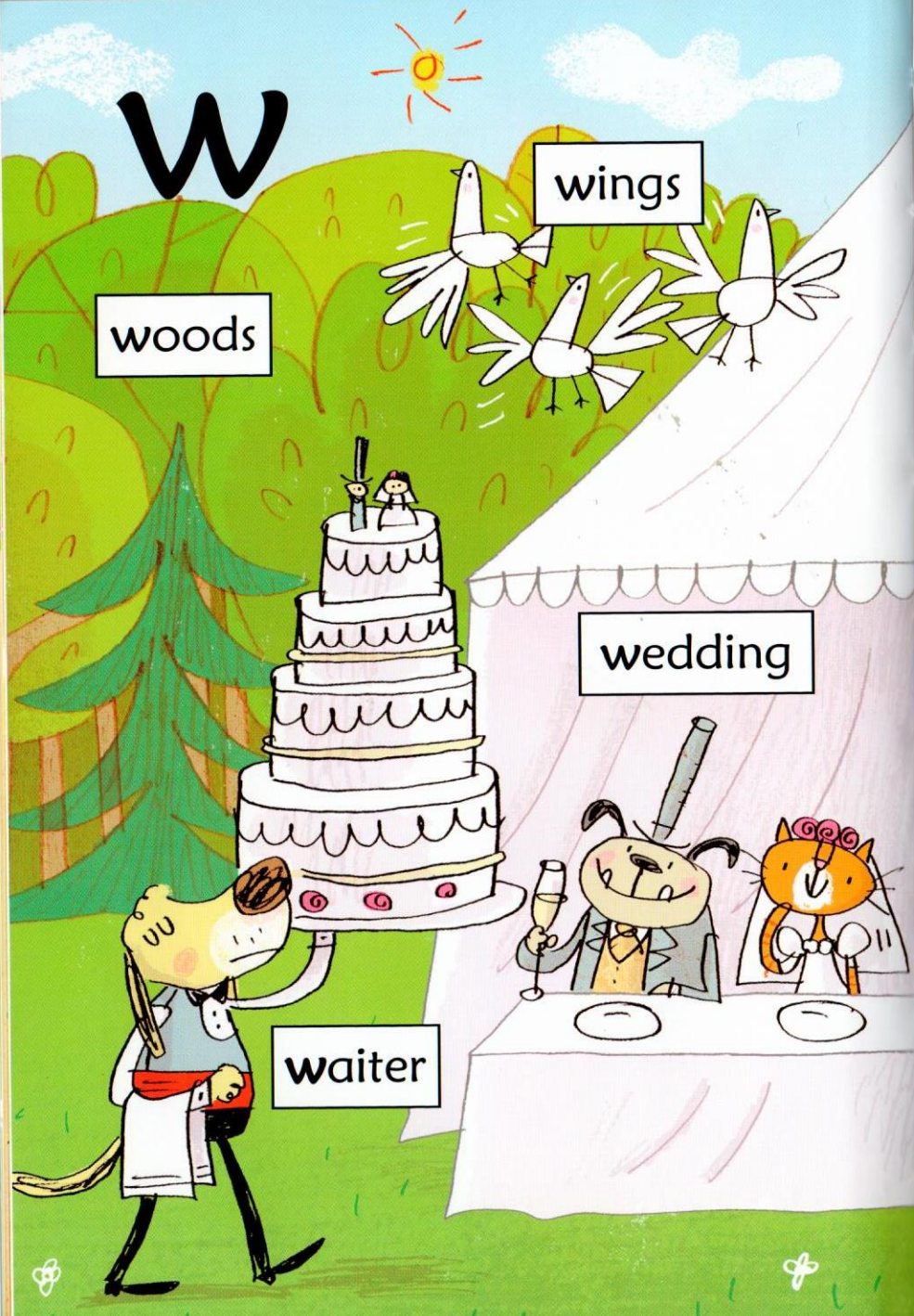
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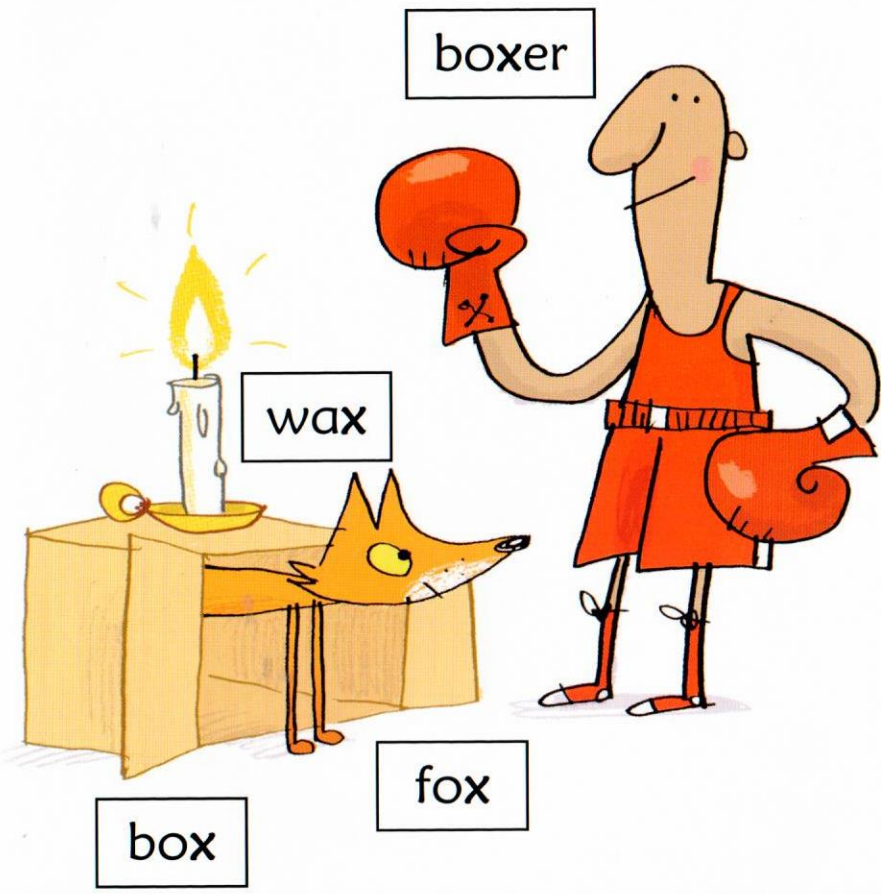
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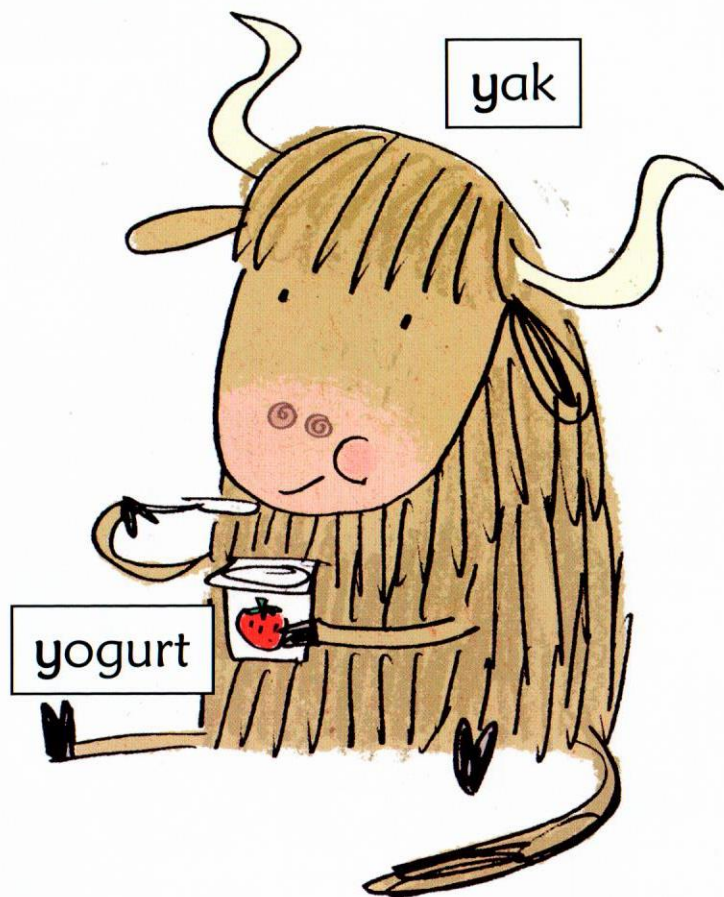
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